

Top 10 Ministry Commitments

1. I will move slowly.

A simple man believes anything, but a prudent man gives thought to his steps. A wise man fears the LORD and shuns evil, but a fool is hotheaded and reckless. (Proverbs 14:15-16, NIV)

2. I will regularly check my motives and evaluate my heart.

Leaders who know their business and care keep a sharp eye out for the shoddy and cheap, for who among us can be trusted to be always diligent and honest? Switching price tags and padding the expense account are two things God hates. Young people eventually reveal by their actions if their motives are on the up and up. Ears that hear and eyes that see— we get our basic equipment from God! (Proverbs 20:8-12, MSG)

3. I will steer clear of the numbers' game.

If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others on the hills and go out to search for the one that is lost? (Matthew 18:12, NLT)

4. I will not criticize the past.

No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead. (Philippians 3:13, NLT)

5. I will avoid the comparison trap.

Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. (Galatians 6:4, NLT)

6. I will focus on priorities.

"Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the Law of Moses?" Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." (Matthew 22:36-40, NLT)

7. I will pace myself.

Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. (Hebrews 10:36, NLT)

8. I will serve.

But among you it is quite different. Anyone wanting to be a leader among you must be your servant. And if you want to be right at the top, you must serve like a slave. Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:26-28, LB)

9. I will be a learner.

Get wisdom; develop good judgment. Don't forget my words or turn away from them. Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble. (Proverbs 4:5; 13:20, NLT)

10. I will pursue contentment.

I am not telling you this because I need anything. I have learned to be satisfied with the things I have and with everything that happens. (Philippians 4:11, NCV)

As we enter into a new season at Hus Presbyterian Church it is important to remain focused on God. The Personnel Committee was introduced to this "Top 10" list a couple of weeks ago and found it to be of great inspiration as we move forward. The list was devised by youth pastor and author Doug Fields. "They (the Ministry Commitments) can serve as a foundation for your effectiveness, health, and happiness." Let's use this list as our foundation for the effectiveness, health, and happiness of Hus Presbyterian Church.

Sharing The Blessings!



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Birthdays

4 th	Dolores Rawson
7 th	Mike Hebert
8 th	Grace Ford
12 th	David Rairdin
15 th	Judy McLaskey
18 th	Lorraine Roethlisberger
19 th	Lois Snyder
23 rd	Don Hamous
24 th	Becki Stevens
27 th	Lois Wegner
27 th	Ashley McDill
28 th	Laurie Wenger
28 th	Dorothy Harrelson
29 th	Eldred Svoboda
29 th	James Rairdin
29 th	Michael Stevens
31 st	Clarence Walton



Teachers are needed for rotational Sunday School. Please contact Joyce McGivern or Michele Raim for more details.



Middle school and High school Sunday school classes will begin on September 9th. Please watch for next month's newsletter for more details.

CELEBRATING AN *Anniversary*



		<u>Years</u>
2 nd	Carl & Evelyn Studt	54
2 nd	Clarence & Wendy Walton	32
6 th	Dennis & Joyce McGivern	19
12 th	Joe & Esther Cervený	66
19 th	Bill & Helen Faltis	66
21 st	Truman & Romaine Wilkin	42
22 nd	Ken & Evelyn Hagen	66
29 th	Elmer & Alma Rompot	67



Check us out online!

If you have access to a computer, go to
www.huschurch.org



✦ **Transportation provided by the Deacons** ✦

Please call the office by the Thursday to schedule a ride to church. A Deacon will return your call and arrange to pick you up and take you home following worship service.

Chores for the week

Monday - Wash Day

Lord, help me wash away all my selfishness and vanity, so I may serve you with perfect humility through the week ahead.

Tuesday - Ironing Day

Dear Lord, help me iron out all the wrinkles of prejudice I have collected through the years so that I may see the beauty in others.

Wednesday - Mending Day

O God, help me mend my ways so I will not set a bad example for others

Thursday - Cleaning Day

Lord Jesus, help me to dust out all the many faults I have been hiding in the secret corners of my heart.

Friday - Shopping Day

O God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal happiness for myself and all others in need of love.

Saturday - Cooking Day

Help me, my Savior, to brew a big kettle of brotherly love and serve it with clean, sweet bread of human kindness.

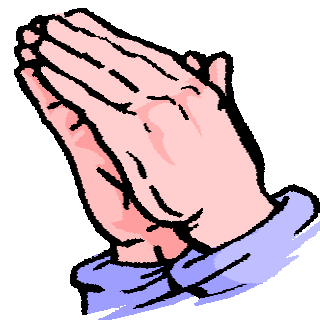
Sunday - The Lord's Day

O God, I have prepared my house for you. Please come into my heart so I may spend the day and the rest of my life in your presence.

Sunday in the Park

August 26, 2007

10:00 AM



Jones Park View Pavilion

(use the 29th Avenue entrance)

Bathrooms and playground next to the pavilion.

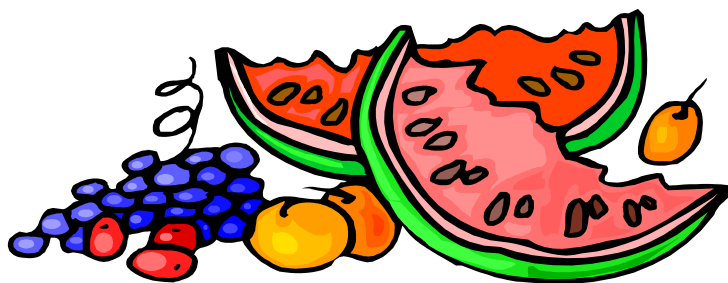
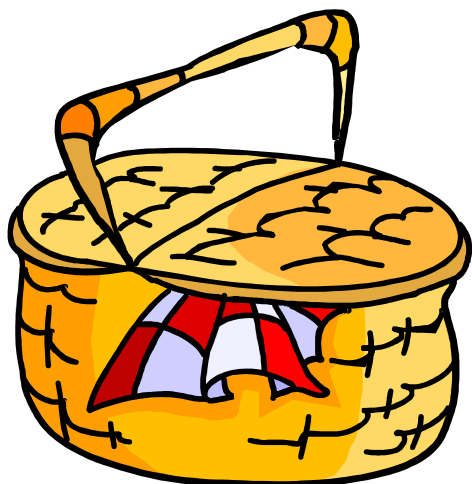
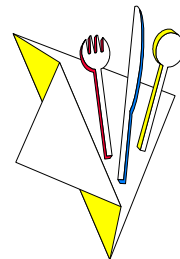
Worship Service begins at 10:00 AM.

Fun & casual service full of old time gospel music.

Picnic/potluck following the service.

Beverages will be provided.

Please bring 1 dish to share,
table service and lawn chairs.



Join us for a day of worship and fellowship!!



National Night Out 2007 Tuesday, August 7th



What is National Night Out? National Night Out is an annual celebration of neighborhood events held all over the country on the first Tuesday evening in August. This night is designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our community. We encourage neighbors to use this national celebration as an opportunity to hold events in your neighborhood. The goals of these events are to meet your neighbors, meet area Community Police Officers who work in your neighborhood, and show your support for your neighborhood and community.

Serve The City is cooperating with are Cities to promote 'we care' celebrations. When you sign up with us, we will call your city/county offices and make arrangements for you!

YOU should host an event! We invite you to host your neighborhood's National Night Out event this year. Your event can be as unique as you and your neighborhood. Simple celebrations can be sharing an ice cream treat, while more elaborate events may include an evening of music and children's activities. Cedar Rapids police and fire crews have participated in most events in the past, creating an 'instant' party atmosphere on your clock!

It's EASY to be a NNO Event Host...As a neighborhood NNO event host, your job can be simple...and we are committed to helping you put together an easy, successful event. While your NNO event may include whatever area of houses seems natural to you, consider a 'block' party where the hoses facing each other on your street are invited--this may include as few as 10 or 20 households. The location will likely be your driveway or yard. Ask a neighbor of two to help provide food (ice cream, beverages, cookies, etc.). A flyer template is available online when you register (see below) for you to modify and pass out to neighbors. We will work with area cities to invite your neighborhood police officers and fire crew to stop by, and any other service organizations you are interested in hearing from.

Sign up to be a Host and Register your Event! Let us know that you are hosting an event. Register by calling the Serve The City office at (319) 378-0337, your local congregation's office or send your name and phone number to office@servethecity.org.

A note from the City of Cedar Rapids:

Neighborhood Watch Programs make your Neighborhood safer all year.

Because National Night Out is an event created to encourage Police-Community Partnerships, we also encourage blocks to consider forming a Neighborhood Watch program. If you feel your block is interested, the Crime Prevention Bureau of the Police Department can follow up with you after the event.

HOST YOUR BLOCK'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PARTY THIS YEAR!

1. Ask a neighbor to help.
2. Prepare some food.
3. Go to www to get more information or to register! Any city in this region!
4. Enjoy meeting your neighbors and neighborhood police officers!



2 Corinthians 4:5-6: For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.



WANTED

CHOIR MEMBERS



- Positions Open:** Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. No others need apply!
- Physical Qualifications:** Must be able to carry light musical note part across the sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see director from twenty feet away.
- Experience:** No application accepted who have not sung, hummed or whistled in the shower or tub.
- Wages:** Satisfaction and joy in God's service.
- Fringe Benefits:** Social Security (we promise you the security of social fellowship with other members of the choir).
- Hours:** Sunday mornings with occasional opportunities for overtime (at the above wages).
- Vacation:** Missed rehearsals and worship services are primarily a matter of conscience and ability to return the glares and pointed remarks of the director.
- Rehearsals:** Wednesdays at 6:45 PM in the choir room starting on August 29th. The first Wednesday of each month will be at 7:00 PM. The first Sunday we sing in church is September 9th
- Apply:** By attending and rehearsals of the season.



COME AND JOIN US IN MUSIC MINISTRY AT HUS!

Everyone is welcome. Remember this.... if only the birds with the best voices ever sang what a quiet forest it would be.



YOUR UNIFIED MISSION GIVING IN ACTION

The 82 Churches of the Presbytery
of East Iowa in Mission Together

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

Part of the Unified Mission Giving dollars sent to the Presbytery of East Iowa is used to underwrite workshops that provide hands-on, practical tools to enrich worship in your church. On October 12-13, the Presbytery is sponsoring *Friends of the Groom*—a drama ministry troupe. They will be conducting a workshop that shows how on any given Sunday, the scripture passage and the sermon can be illustrated in a profound way using drama. The Presbytery understands that many churches shy away from drama because they feel they do not have the necessary resources or talent to start up a drama ministry. *Friends of the Groom* will show you how to use common, everyday props and minimal dialogue to effectively communicate the Gospel and to illustrate the love of God to a generation that feeds on visual images. For more information or to register for this workshop, contact the Presbytery office at 319.354.9220 or go to our web site at www.peia.org and click on “Events Near and Far”.

Travel to Brazil in January 2008

Since 1999, the Presbytery of East Iowa has been building a partnership with the Presbytery of Ceará (Independent Presbyterian Church of Brazil). From January, 7-18, 2008, you can travel to Fortaleza, Brazil to participate in vibrant worship, meet members of various congregations, learn about the evangelical and educational missions of our Brazilian friends, and also soak up the local culture and sunshine. If you are interested in deepening the ties between our two presbyteries who share a single hope in Christ Jesus, please contact the presbytery office at 319.354.9220 and ask for Marue or email marue@peia.org. The estimated cost of the trip will be \$2,150 depending on the cost of airfare when booked. The cost includes airfare, visa, food and lodging. The deadline to sign up for this trip is October 1st.

2008 Multi-Presbytery Gulf Mission Trip

January 19-26, 2008

A chance to get to know your neighbors in faith as you help re-build lives in post-Katrina New Orleans.

Here's the schedule for this exciting opportunity:

- Depart Saturday, January 19 from respective Presbytery locations – ride sharing within each presbytery
- Arrive Sunday, January 20th at PDA Camps (Luling & Olive Tree in New Orleans) Volunteer Village cost is \$20 per night per person for 5 nights (\$100)
- Work Days Monday morning – Friday noon
- Leave noon Friday. Arrive home Saturday evening. Ride share and lodging costs again shared within each presbytery group

The Presbytery of North Central Iowa will handle registration. Contact Vicki Thordsen at <mailto:vthordse@presbynciowa.org> for trip fact sheets and registration forms. The Presbytery of East Iowa office will assist in coordinating transportation and lodging for its participants once the registration forms and fees are received by North Central. Groups are encouraged to stay in Memphis TN on the way down and attend Sunday morning early services at Idlewild Presbyterian Church.

Individuals or churches may also purchase Home Depot & Lowe's gift cards to send with the mission volunteers for use in purchasing supplies. Mail or drop off the cards to your Presbytery office by January 10th.

Sign up is on a first-come basis. Deadline to register is November 20, 2007

HELP IS HERE.



ArkALMIGHTY is a good deeds program that matches up the needs in your congregation with the talents and skills of the members of your church. Gathering the needs of your attendees, these requests are compiled on a Craigslist-type website administered by your church. The **ArkALMIGHTY.com** website is designed to make it easy to get involved in practical and tangible volunteer outreach. Can you balance a checkbook? Can you hang a picture frame? Can you throw a spiral? You might not think of these everyday activities as volunteering, but for the people around you who **can't** do them, your ability and your willingness to help is exactly what they need. You'd be amazed how a simple act of kindness can change lives!

Helping others is at the heart of **ArkALMIGHTY**. There are countless needs in every seat in every row that, up until now, have had no way of being met. But now they do, thanks to **ArkALMIGHTY**. So whether you're looking for help or looking to help others, **ArkALMIGHTY** makes it easy! Here's how it works:

- Go to your church's website and click on the **ArkALMIGHTY** link.
- Post your need. (Don't worry, your identity is totally anonymous, except to the person who chooses to help you and the church administrator). While you're there, search through the other needs in your church. You might have the exact skill set needed for the job!
- Once someone clicks on the posted need and agrees to help, a private email is sent connecting the two of you together.
- Had a need? Not anymore!

Best of all, **ArkALMIGHTY** is a real world solution that will revolutionize how we live out the words of Jesus in John 13, *"So now I'm giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for each other will prove to the world that you are my disciples."*

 **ArkALMIGHTY**
Get On Board!



Go to www.huschurch.org and click the ArkALMIGHTY link to get on board. If you do not have access to the internet there is a form on the back of this page. Additional forms are available from the church office. Completed forms should be returned to the church office.

Maybe you're a single mom who doesn't know how to teach her son to throw a baseball, or an elderly person who needs a ride to the doctor, or a young couple who would love advice on saving for a home. Maybe there's a college student who could use help moving into her first apartment, or a widow that could use a helping hand washing her windows, or a recently laid-off worker who could use help polishing up his resume. There are countless needs out there that, up until now, we have had no way to meet. But now we do, thanks to ArkALMIGHTY.

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get on board!

Got a Need? Post It. Can You Fulfill a Need? Then get to it!





Needs Registration

Name (First/Last) _____

Telephone _____

Telephone 2 _____
(optional)

Mailing Address _____

Zip Code _____

Briefly describe your need: *For example, Math Tutor needed*

Describe your need in detail: *For example, Our 8 year old is struggling in Math and needs a tutor to focus on fractions. Help is needed a few days a week in the afternoon.*

☐ Agree to the privacy statement

☐ Agree to the legal document

**Your personal information remains private and confidential between you and the church administrator.*

Privacy statement and legal document available in print from the church office.



Hi All,

Each week I get an inspirational email from AllWorship.com. This month I wanted to share one that I received recently. It asks a lot of questions.

What If?

What if GOD couldn't take the time to bless us today because we couldn't take the time to thank Him yesterday?

What if GOD decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow Him today?

What if we never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when GOD sent the Rain?

What if GOD took away the Bible tomorrow because we would not read it today?

What if GOD took away His message because we failed to listen to the message?

What if GOD didn't send His only begotten Son because He wanted us to be prepared to pay the price for sin?

What if the door of the church was closed because we did not open the door of our heart?

What if GOD stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others?

What if GOD would not hear us today because we would not listen to Him?

What if GOD answered our prayers the way we answer His call to service?

What if GOD met our needs the way we give Him our lives?

--Author Unknown

As I read through all of the what ifs I was reminded of the chorus from a Casting Crowns song:

What if His people prayed
And all who bare His name
Would humbly seek His face
And Turn from their own way

Let's take the time for God and turn to His way and not your own.

There are many things coming up for the youth. Serving the Sunday Evening Meal at 1st Presbyterian Church on August 5th. A baseball game on August 7th. The Fall Retreat in October. Diane and I are looking for to a great year! See you soon.

Because of Him ~ Terry

⁹"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

Luke 11:9-10 (NIV)

Upcoming Meetings - August

- Movie night is going on break until the fall. In it's place we are going to have a fun night. More information will be mailed out to parents the first week of July.
- On the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th we will gather from 5:30 to 6:30 PM.

Events not scheduled yet will be announced as far in advance as possible so you can make plans to attend.

Upcoming Events

August

5 th	Youth serving Sunday Evening Meal at 1 st Presbyterian Church, Cedar Rapids - 4 - 6 PM
7 th	Kernel's baseball game. Meet/get tickets at 6 PM. Game starts at 7 PM.
11 th	2007 HRL Race #7. Registration at 9:30 AM. Racing at 10 AM.
28 th	Youth Ministry Parents Meeting, 7 PM

Fellowship Activity: Join us at the ballpark for a Kernel's baseball game! Meet in the upper parking lot. We will be buying the tickets at 6 PM. Game starts at 7 PM. Bring your parents and friends!

Every Monday: Youth Prayer Time, 7 PM from where ever you are.

Every Wednesday: Marion High School Bible Study at 10:00 AM at Mr. Bean's in Marion. Day and time once school starts has yet to be determined.

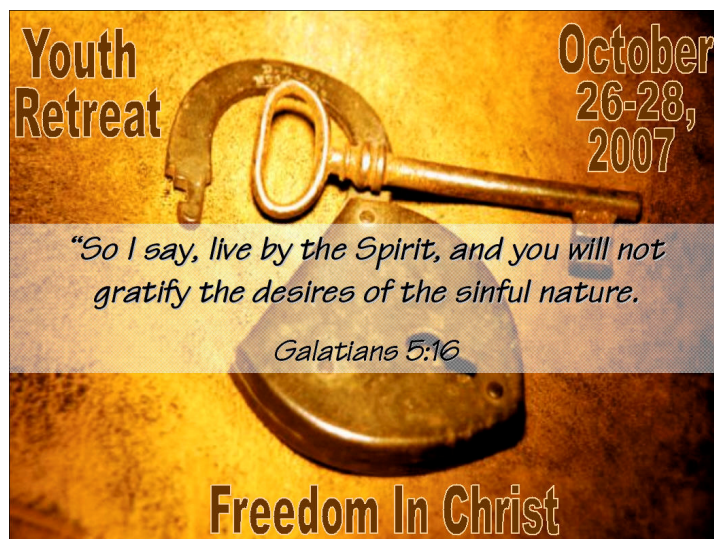
Every Friday: Breakfast Clubs are about to start for the 2007-2008 school year. The Prairie Middle School group will meet at the Blue Strawberry on C St. SW (across from Yellowbook USA and Aegon Financial Park) on Fridays at 1 PM through August 10th. Day and time once school starts has yet to be determined.

Times subject to change.

A Moment With God

Hi God,

There are so many what ifs in our lives Lord. Thank you for taking some of those away. We are so thankful that You sent Your Son to save us. We know that we do not deserve it yet You love us so much. Much more than we could ever imagine. Help us to make the most of everyday keeping You in everything that we do. We pray this in Your Son Jesus' precious name, Amen.



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